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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF AMCITS THAT EMBASSY CLOSING

1. WARDENS IN ALL UGANDAN DISTRICTS EXCEPT ONE (WEST NINE-4 AMCITS) HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND TOLD EMBASSY CLOSING AND ADVISED THAT ALL AMCITS UGANDA SHOULD DEPART TOO. THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS, PLUS A FEW SCATTERED AROUND THE KAMPALA AREA WHO HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO TELEPHONE OR CABLE MESSAGES, ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN NOTIFIED, ALTHOUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMBASSY'S CLOSING IS WIDESPREAD IN KAMPALA AND PROBABLY AROUND UGANDA. WE HOPE TO FINISH NOTIFICATIONS TODAY, SAVE THE FEW WHO WILL NOT RESPOND TO OUR MESSAGES TO CALL OR CONTACT US.

2. THE EFFECT THE EMBASSY'S CLOSING IS GOING TO HAVE ON WHETHER OR NOT AMCITS DECIDE TO LEAVE UGANDA IS DIFFICULT TO MEASURE AT THIS TIME, SINCE MOST, PARTICULARLY MISSIONARIES, MUST CHECK WITH THEIR HOME OFFICES OR ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE COMING TO DEFINITIVE DECISION. HOWEVER, SEVERAL MISSIONARIES THAT WE HAVE TALKED TO AT THE EMBASSY SURMISED THAT MOST OF THEIR GROUP WOULD PROBABLY AWAIT PRESIDENT AMIN'S REACTION (OR LACK OF REACTION) TO CLOSING BEFORE MAKING ANY FIRM DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION TO THEIR SUPERIORS. ALSO, MOST "SECULAR" AMCITS AROUND KAMPALA AREA (COMPRISED MAINLY OF MAKERERE, AMERICAN BUSINESS, TEACHERS, AND AMERICANS MARRIED TO

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UGANDANS) INDICATED THEY PLAN TO REMAIN FOR TIME BEING PENDING

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. A FEW WHO HAD EARLIER SENT OUT DEPENDENTS TO KENYA PLAN TO LEAVE THEM THERE FOR A COUPLE MORE WEEKS.

3. AS WE SAID BEFORE, THE MAJORITY OF AMCITS CURRENTLY IN UGANDA ARE THE "HARD CORE" OF AMERICAN MISSIONARIES AND AMERICANS MARRIED TO UGANDANS (PWUS DEPENDENTS) WHO TOTAL ABOUT 150 OF THE APPROXIMATELY

220 AMCITS HERE. THESE ARE UNLIKELY TO LEAVE EXCEPT UNDER THE MOST EXTREME CONDITIONS. UNLESS THE GOU BEGINS SERIOUS HARASSMENT OF THEM, OR EXPELS THEM, OUR AMCIT POPULATION IS LIKELY TO REMAIN OVER 150 AFTER THE EMBASSY HAS CLOSED.
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